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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: SA/DCI/IA

SUBJECT: Cabinet Council (Commerce and Trade) meeting: US Space
Station Options, 1 December 1983

1. The President will chair this meeting in the Cabinet room at 2:00 p.m.; principals only. The meeting will consist of a summary of options (Gil Rye) and a presentation/discussion (NASA). Three options are presented for the President's consideration.

- Option 1. Commit now to a permanently manned space station.
- Option 2. Commit to an evolutionary development of a space transportation system (enhanced shuttle).
- Option 3. Defer commitment pending additional information.

Commerce recommends the President approve both options 1 and 2. The Intelligence Community position is option 3.

2. This book includes:

- Point Papers. [] has provided point papers on the manned space station (it lays out the substantive basis for the IC position), the decision process (this paper argues that the CCCT is not the proper form to make such a decision), and recommended actions. These papers are also being used by OSD. [] recommends you and Weinberger contact McFarlane and Meese to get this out of the CCCT forum and into a national security forum. John McMahon commented that it would at this point be a losing battle to question the propriety of addressing these issues in the CCCT. 25X1
- Background Paper Provided by the Cabinet Office. The SIG(Space) report serves as the background paper for this meeting. It lays out the issues from NSSD 5-83 and the options for the President to consider. 25X1

3. Please let me know if there is anything else you need for this meeting. 25X1

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